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Claim 7 (original) The laminated wear ring of claim 1 wherein the plastic laminate is attached to the first substantially planar surface of the toroidal shaped component using an adhesive.

Claim 8 (original) The laminated wear ring of claim 7 wherein the adhesive is selected from a group comprising rubberized epoxy; acrylic adhesive; and cyanoacrylate adhesive.

Claim 9 (original) The laminated wear ring of claim 1 wherein grooves are formed in the first substantially planar surface of the toroidal shaped component.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A laminated wear ring for a chemical mechanical planarization (CMP) apparatus for polishing a work piece, the laminated wear ring comprising:

a toroidal stainless steel component having a first substantially planar surface, an interior cylindrical surface and an exterior cylindrical surface, the component including a first thickness having a first upper surface adjacent the interior cylindrical surface and a second thickness greater than the first thickness having a second upper surface adjacent the exterior cylindrical surface wherein less than a majority of a downward pressure applied on the laminated wear ring is applied to the first upper surface; and

a plastic laminate adhesively attached to the first substantially planar surface and a portion of the interior cylindrical surface, the plastic laminate having a thickness less than [[about]] 1.5mm.

Claim 11 (canceled) The laminated wear ring of claim 10 wherein the plastic laminate comprises a first substantially planar surface for attachment to the first surface of the stainless steel component and a second substantially planar surface parallel to the first substantially planar surface.

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Claim 12 (original) The laminated wear ring of claim <sup>10</sup>~~11~~ wherein the portion of the plastic laminate adhesively attached to the portion of the interior cylindrical surface of the stainless steel component forms an exterior right angle with the first substantially planar surface.